

REMARKS

A. Restriction Requirement

The Examiner restricted the claims into the following Groups:

Group I: claims 46-48, 55, and 56, drawn to a protein complex comprising at least one first protein and at least one second protein and a method for treating or preventing a disease or disorder characterized by an aberrant amount, activity, component composition, or activity of the protein complex of Claim 1; and

Group II: claims 49-54, drawn to a method for screening for a molecule that binds either to the protein complex of claim 46 or to any of its protein components.

Applicants elect Group II, (screening methods, claims 49-54), with traverse.

Applicants traverse the restriction requirement on the grounds that the search and examination of Groups I and II is not unduly burdensome to the examiner.

B. Sequence Election Requirement

In addition, the Examiner required that Applicants elect a single SEQ ID NO in claim 1(a) between SEQ ID NOs 1, 2, 3, 6, 10, 12, 14, and 17; and a single SEQ ID NO in claim 1(b) between SEQ ID NOs 4, 5, 7, 8, 9, 11, 13, 16, and 18. However, claim 1 has been cancelled as part of the Preliminary Amendment filed on October 27, 2005. It is believed that the Examiner intended to require election of a SEQ ID NO. from claim 46(a) and 46(b), as claim 46 corresponds substantially to cancelled claim 1.

In response to this requirement, Applicants elect SEQ ID NO:10 (HDAC1) in claim 46(a) and SEQ ID NO:15 (SWI/SNF COMPLEX 60 KDa Subunit) in claim 46(b).

Applicants make this election with traverse, as the M.P.E.P. states that a "reasonable" number of sequences can be examined in one application, e.g., up to 10 sequences.

C. Conclusion

The present application is now in condition for allowance. The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned by telephone if it is felt that a telephone interview would advance prosecution of the present application.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required regarding this application under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16-1.17, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 19-0741. Should no proper payment be enclosed herewith, as by a check being in the wrong amount, unsigned, post-dated, otherwise improper or informal or even entirely missing, the Commissioner is authorized to charge the unpaid amount to Deposit Account No. 19-0741. If any extensions of time are needed for timely acceptance of papers submitted herewith, Applicant hereby petitions for such extension under 37 C.F.R. §1.136 and authorizes payment of any such extensions fees to Deposit Account No. 19-0741.

Respectfully submitted,

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